

Concord Aug 20th 1863

85- My dear Sir:

As it seems doubtful if the Commonwealth will be continued on its present basis, I have been led to think of proposing to you to unite it with the Liberator, if you see any sufficient advantage arising from such a union.

We have now about a thousand paying subscribers which at your rate would be \$3000 a year - at ours \$2000. Allowing for those who subscribe to both, perhaps the lower estimate would be the true one. We have a small advertising patronage, which is increas-

ing, however, and a
quantity of type, furni-
ture &c, worth perhaps
\$75.00. My own services
I value at \$2000 a year.

If a union could be effect-
ed, I think my present labor
on the Commonwealth could
be well expended so as to
give the Liberator a better
claim to be considered
a family newspaper, without
losing its high moral
tone, and perhaps you
would thus be relieved of
some of the burden of editor-
ial life. I can see a
propriety in gradually changing
the name Liberator to Common-
wealth, or the Star
change. Soon we shall
have (I trust) no more

Slaves & liberate - but a
Commonwealth of freemen.

I do not make any
formal proposition, but
mention these considerations
as a basis for an arrange-
ment, should you be disposed
to make one. I called on
you in Plymouth the other
day & speak of this, but
you were not at home.

May you will not think
me forward in naming
such a proposition, which
may be entirely foreign
to your views and wishes,
but hope you will answer
with all frankness, as
your custom is.

Yours with great respect
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